**DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT:**

Select a book, short story, poem or other text that is appropriate for use with students in a K-6 setting. The selection needs to showcase a culture different than your own. Conduct research using the inquiry method on the represented culture. Present your findings via graphic organizers and publish these online using the publication tool found at <http://www.youblisher.com>.

**PURPOSE OF ASSIGNMENT:**

Through completion of this assignment you will gain a clearer picture of culture and how it impacts student learning as well as teacher delivery. Additionally, you will develop instruments that are suitable methodologies for meeting the needs of this population and engage in the inquiry method while discovering applicable research practice that will aid instruction. Beyond this, you will incorporate technology into teaching, ultimately meeting the needs of 21st century learners.

**PROCESS:**

There are three basic parts of this assignment: inquiry research, an online publication, and a class presentation. Below are specific components you are to cover:

* Peruse appropriate texts, choosing ***one*** focal source from the selections below:
  + Children’s literature book
  + Poetry
  + Young adult novel
  + Short story
  + Other (must be appropriate for use with identified grade level and approved by professor)
* Highlight the culture your chosen book emphasizes through inquiry research. Follow guidelines presented on separate sheet.
* Save your research as PDF files and then merge them together by following directions outlined online at <http://www.mergepdf.net/>.
* Submit merged document for publication at <http://www.youblisher.com>. Follow directions found at this site to activate a free account. After activating your account, decide how your publication should look (note: You Blisher offers various choices; try several of them until you find the one that best fits your needs). After uploading your files, You Blisher will save them on its secure website; however, you should not post any private information. Publish your work and send Dr. Trent the link for the publication.
* Share your publication in class through a brief (5 minutes) presentation. Be prepared to answer specific questions relating to the culture you researched.
* Complete a self and peer evaluation as directed by Dr. Trent(separate handout).

**RESOURCES:**

* Classroom notes and discussions
* You Blisher online publisher: <http://www.youblisher.com>
* Merged PDF <http://www.mergepdf.net/>
* Student example found online at <http://www.youblisher.com/p/45360-ESL-Inquiry-Example-Spain/>

**LOGISTICS:**

Due date: W 9/14 and R 9/15

Percentage of course grade and points possible: 15% of total course grade

Format/Citations: APA

Reminder: Submit link where research is saved to Dr. Trent at [kpennycuff@tntech.edu](mailto:kpennycuff@tntech.edu)